

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 16, 17, 21, 26, 29, 35, 37, and 43 with the amended claims below. A "marked-up" version of each amendment is included in Attachment A.

1. (Amended) A cap for a computer pointing device, comprising:

a disc,

a plurality of wire supports attached to a periphery of the disc;

a bottom support upon which portions of the plurality of wire supports reside; and

an elastic cover that overlays the disc, the plurality of wire supports, and the bottom support.

2. (Amended) The cap of claim 1, wherein a height of the cap above an upper surface of the bottom support is approximately equal to or greater than a diameter of the cap.

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5. (Amended) The cap of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of wire supports comprises a first wire, a second wire, and a third wire encased in a flexible sleeve, wherein a first end of the first wire is adjacent to the disc, a second end of the first wire is adjacent to a first end of the second wire, and a second end of the second wire is adjacent to a first end of the third wire.

6. (Amended) The cap of claim 5, wherein the flexible sleeve comprises plastic or rubber.

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10. (Amended) The cap of claim 5, wherein an upper surface of the bottom support comprises a plurality of holes, wherein each individual hole within the plurality of holes is adapted for receiving a portion of one of the plurality of wire supports that includes the third wire.

16. (Amended) A cap for a computer pointing device, comprising:

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a bottom support;

an elastic cover that overlays the bottom support, wherein the elastic cover has a cylindrical shape, and wherein a first end of the cover is open; and

one or more scores located along a circumference of an inner surface of the cover.

17. (Amended) The cap of claim 16, wherein a height of the cap above an upper surface of the bottom support is approximately equal to or greater than a diameter of the cap.

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21. (Amended) The cap of claim 20, wherein each of the plurality of wire supports comprises a first wire, a second wire, and a third wire encased in a flexible sleeve, wherein a first end of the first wire is adjacent to a second end of the cover, a second end of the first wire is adjacent to a first end of the second wire, and a second end of the second wire is adjacent to a first end of the third wire.

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26. (Amended) The cap of claim 21, wherein an upper surface of the bottom support comprises a plurality of holes, wherein each individual hole within the plurality of holes is adapted for receiving a portion of one of the plurality of wire supports that includes the third wire.

29. A computer pointing device, comprising:

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a control stick; and

a cap, comprising:

a bottom support, wherein the bottom support is positioned on an upper surface of the control stick; and

an elastic cover with a cylindrical shape, wherein a first end of the cover is open and is fitted over the bottom support and an upper portion of the control stick, and wherein an inner surface of the cover comprises one or more scores located along circumferences of the inner surface.